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TAG: OREP(CODEL O'NEILL)

SUBJECT: CODEL O'NEILL

REF: A) STAE 16308

B) STATE 39351

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED CODEL VISIT WITH MFA. THOUGH IT IS EVIDENT THAT PLANNING FOR VISIT IS NOT VERY ADVANCED, MFA CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS AT KING DAVID HOTEL(IN NUMBERS REQUESTED BY REF A.) WE ARE ARRANGING FOR TWO BUSES AS REQUESTED. WE UNDERSTAND CODEL AGREEABLE TO STAYING AT KING DAVID.

2. MFA NOTED THEY HAD LITTLE DETAILED INFO SO FAR ABOUT COMPOSITION OF PARTY, SPECIFIC INTERESTS, ETC. WE WERE TOLD THAT CODEL WOULD INCLUDE TOTAL OF 62 PEOPLE(CONGRESSMEN, STAFF AND WIVES). IN WORKING ON PLANS FOR SCHEDULE, MFA REQUESTED THAT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO SCHEDULING ARRIVAL FROM CAIRO AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ON THURSDAY, THIS WOULD PERMIT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF DAYLIGHT HOURS TO ARRANGE VISIT OF JERUSALEM. MFA POINTED OUT THAT ON FRIDAY MUSLIM PLACES OF WORSHIP ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE TO VISITORS. SHABBAT IS ALSO POOR DAY FOR VISITS OF THAT KIND, SIMILARLY, MFA HOPES CODEL DEPARTURE FOR LISBON ON

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SUNDAY, APRIL SIX WILL NOT BE BEFORE MID-DAY SO THAT SOME

USE CAN BE MADE OF MORNING HOURS. THESE APPEAR TO BE
RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS IN ARRANGING CODEL'S SCHEDULE.

3. I SHOULD LIKE TO OFFER A BUFFET DINNER IN HONOR OF CODEL
ON APRIL 3 OR 4. I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO INVITE CONGRESSMAN AND
MRS. O'NEILL TO STAY WITH US AT RESIDENCE, THOUGH I QUITE
UNDERSTAND THAT THEY MIGHT PREFER TO STAY WITH REST OF
CODEL.

4. WE WOULD WELCOME CODEL'S VIEWS ON ABOVE AS WELL
AS ANY OTHER INFO THAT HAS BEARING ON PLANNING FOR VISIT.
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